

Application No.: 09/613,952

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Remarks

Prior to this Amendment and Response, claims 3, 5, 7, 9-15, and 17-25 were pending in the Application. Herein, claims 7, 12-13, 15, 19-22, and 25 were amended; claims 3, 5, 9-11, 14, and 17-18 were cancelled, and claim 26 was added. Therefore, upon entry of the Amendment, claims 7, 12-13, 15, and 19-26 will remain pending in the Application. Entry of this Amendment, reconsideration, and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of claim 25 and indication that claims 7, 12, 15, and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicants have amended each of these claims to incorporate the limitations of the claims from which each of them respectively depended. Minor changes have been made to the form and nomenclature of claim 25. New claim 26 has been added that incorporates the distinguishing features of these allowable claims without claiming a mobile station (or portion of one) itself.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 7, 12, 15, and 19 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants have re-written each of these claims in independent form, to include the limitations of the claims from which each of these claims respectively depended.

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Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 9-11, 13-14, 17, and 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over *Raissinia* (U.S. Patent No. 6,408,165) in view of *Kammerman* (U.S. Patent No. 6,067,291), and *Gourgue* (U.S. Patent No. 5,564,075). In addition, claims 3 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over *Raissinia* in view of *Kammerman*, *Gourgue*, and *Krisnakumar* (U.S. Patent No. 6,014,087). Finally, claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over *Raissinia* in view of *Kammerman*, *Gourgue*, and *Larsson* (U.S. Patent No. 5,241,690).

In response, Applicants have cancelled claims 3, 5, 9-11, 14 and 17-18. Claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 12, which the Examiner has indicated contains allowable subject matter, and which has been rewritten in independent form. Likewise, claims 20 and 21 have been amended to depend from claim 19, which the Examiner has also indicated contains allowable subject matter, and which has also been rewritten in independent form.

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's statement regarding the obviousness of a design feature not found in the cited prior art, Applicants have amended claim 22 more directly focus on the distinguishing features of the present invention. Specifically, claim 22 now recites a power-correction information signal and a transmit power indication signal, each generated in their respective selected periods, wherein the power-correction information signal has a value that varies as a function of whether the power management occurs during a contention period or a contention-free period. Recited thus, Applicants

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respectfully suggest that the invention recited in claim 22 is clearly neither found in the prior art nor an obvious variation thereof.

Claims 23 and 24 depend directly or indirectly from claim 22, and are therefore believed to be distinguished from the prior art for the same reasons as are presented above.

In light of the cancellation, amendments, and reasons provided above, Applicant respectfully suggests that this ground for rejection has been overcome.

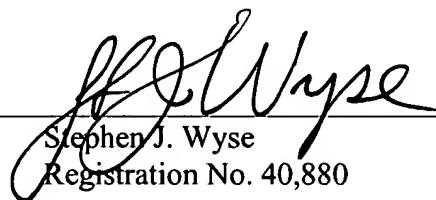
Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, examination and allowance of pending claims 7, 12-13, 15, and 19-26 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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